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SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION: AVAILABILITY ELI LILLY

RABIES VACCINE

REF: STATE 7931

1. IN DEPARTMENT'S REFTEL WE WERE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE ELI LILLY COMPANY WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH ITS LOCAL AGENT, SACI, ABOUT STORING RABIES VACCINE AND ABOUT THE ABILITY OF ELI LILLY TO DELIVER VACCINE TO BOLIVIA WITHIN 72 HOURS OF REQUEST. SINCE RECEIPT OF REFTEL WE HAVE PROCEEDED ON ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WERE IN EXISTENCE LEGITIMATE PROCEDURES TO SERVICE BOLIVIAN REQUESTS FOR THE VACCINE. WE NOW HAVE A CASE WHICH SHOWS THAT THIS IS NOT SO. AN EXTREMELY RELIABLE BOLIVIAN SOUGHT TO OBTAIN RABIES VACCINE FROM SACI AND WAS TOLD THAT NONE IS AVAILABLE AND IT CANNOT BE OBTAINED IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS. ON OUR OWN, WE HAVE CONFIRMED THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY AND WERE TOLD THAT IT WOULD TAKE SACI AT LEAST ONE MONTH TO OBTAIN IT. APART FROM THE DISCREPANCY IN THE TIME ALLEGED TO OBTAIN THE VACCINE, THIS CASE SHOWS THAT THE LOCAL AGENT IS EITHER UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO PROVIDE A JUSTIFIABLE SERVICE FOR BOLIVIANS WHO WANT ELI LILLY RABIES VACCINE. THIS IS AN INTOLERABLE SITUATION, PLACING RESPONSIBLE BOLIVIANS WHO ARE IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION AT RISK AND, IN ADDITION, HIGHLY EMBARRASSING TO THE EMBASSY.

2. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT ACTION BE TAKEN PROMPTLY TO ENCOURAGE ELI LILLY OF INDIANAPOLIS TO DESIGNATE ANOTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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AGENT WHO WILL MEET WITH MORE RESPONSIBILITY THE NEEDS OF

THIS COMMUNITY FOR A SUPPLY ON HAND AND A COMMITMENT TO
MAKE AVAILABLE ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS SUPPLIES WITHIN THE
72-HOUR PERIOD.

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